

**Bayside Playground Committee
Summary of Minutes
10/27/21, 8:00-9:40pm**

Committee Members Present: Brady Brim-DeForest, Lindsay Moore, Beanie Einstein, Jessica Medoff, Jessica Eriksen, Johannah Knott

Community Members Present: Dan Webster, Alma Homola, Jen Lannan, Paul Hamlin, Bo and Deirdre Christin

1. Introductions and Approve Minutes of October 20th Meeting

2. Committee Assignments

A. Research Lead

-Beanie Einstein and Johannah Knott

3. ADA Compliance Discussion

-Concerns voiced over scope of task in becoming ADA compliant

-Northport as a municipal entity must abide by Title II under Maine state law, with or without federal funding

-Refurbishing would not require compliance, but replacement does

-Questions: *Do we fall in a category of being grandfathered in? What exactly are our compliance requirements? Is it even possible to become compliant with the playground placed on the hill where it is?*

-Suggestion to seek an outside advisor was met with concern. Once outside agents are brought in, ADA compliance may be more carefully scrutinized in all aspects of the community.

-Is the language of "reasonable accommodations" applicable here?

-Has the committee considered how the Title II requirements are changed if the project is entirely funded through private sources? And is there a reason that municipal funds are being used? NVC has a very small budget for municipal services, so private funds were a more accessible option. Guidance has been given that despite the funding source, the playground is a municipal structure that must comply.

-Has the committee considered issuing an rfp rather than contacting individual manufacturers? This may be an option moving forward.

-What makes NVC a municipality? Member of the *Maine Municipal Association* (?), chartered under Maine state law, power to tax

-Next steps: Reach out to Judy Metcalf for perspective as an overseer and legal professional

Fundraising:

- Grant writing discussion
 - Paul Hamlin will research grant opportunities and report findings at next meeting
- Online fundraising discussion
 - Jessica and Jessica will coordinate to discuss options
 - What will our online fundraising platform be?*
 - Budget should be established before fundraising is pushed out

-Options for memorials at the playground as a fundraising mechanism? Considerations should be made for Ann Einstein since many contributions have already been made in her memory

Community Survey

- Considerations: Potential visuals of playgrounds to gauge aesthetics, age of play considerations, should be short, just a survey, not a vote, basketball court and swings will stay, structure area will change
- Lindsay will draft survey and share with committee next week

Manufacturer Discussions and Data Gathering

- Beanie contacted Landscape Structures and Cedarworks
- Highest point of current structure is 7 feet
- Johannah appointed as co-chair with Beanie to help with research moving forward

Additional Next Week Items

- Create a list of questions that committee needs to answer
- Bo Christin will look into procurement mechanisms for rfp